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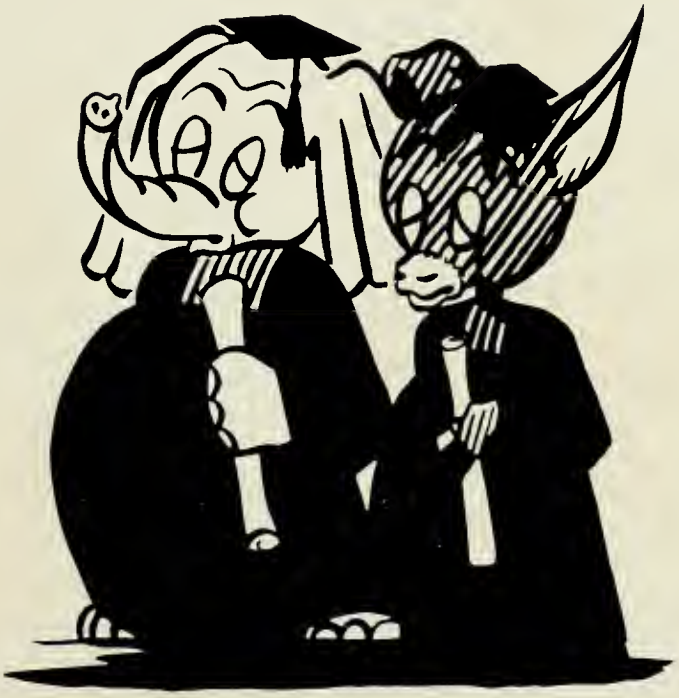
We, the Senior Class of 1953, dedicate this annual to the many service men and women who serve our country and to those who gave their lives for our freedom. Because of them we live freely, worship freely, speak freely, and practice many other freedoms which are not possessed by the people of many other countries. We deeply appreciate their faithful services to insure the blessing of liberty to the people of the United States.

ADMINISTRATION



COUNTY SUPT.

M. E. Brandon

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Standing: Otto Dehnbostel, Fred Buchhop. Seated: Raymond Behrmann, Henry Eggers, Eldor Helmke, Frank Knape.

No one knows how many worries these men have endured in order to provide for the school's needs, but somehow they always manage to come out on top. They have made Ridgeville a school of which we are proud.

OUR LEADERS

F. F. HESTERMAN

There are no words good enough that can fully describe our very capable superintendent, Mr. Hesterman. He quietly and good-naturedly handles most of the affairs of the school.

Together with these many other duties, he fulfills his position as a teacher and class adviser with utmost efficiency.

Students marvel at his eagerness and willingness to share their problems. No one could ask for a better friend.

GEORGE CLARK

The principal is the right hand man of every student and teacher, although they do no always realize it.

He humorously performs the task of guiding, teaching, and at times disciplining us.

The knowledge that is in this man's head would compare with many volumes of information.

LOREN BECK
B.S. in Agriculture
Ohio State University
Graduate Study
Iowa State College

HELEN IDE
Milwaukee Downer
B.S. Clarke College
Home Economics

VERNON HESTERMAN
B.S. Bowling Green State University
Physical Education
Social Studies

JOHN FRITZ
B.S. Defiance College
History, Biology
Physical Education

RUTH MAX
B.A. Defiance College
University of Wisconsin
English, Latin

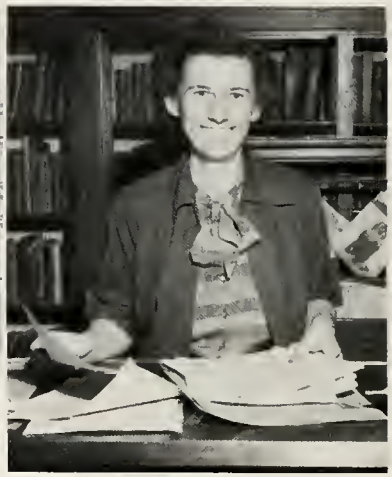
GLENN WALKER
B.S. in Education
Bowling Green State University
Public School Music
University of Michigan

RUSSELL HANSEN
B.A., B.S. in Education
Defiance College
Commercial
Graduate Study
Bowling Green State University

CAUGHT UNAWARE!

Accuracy is his motto.

Smile of approval.



Always happy with good books.

What every good housewife should know.

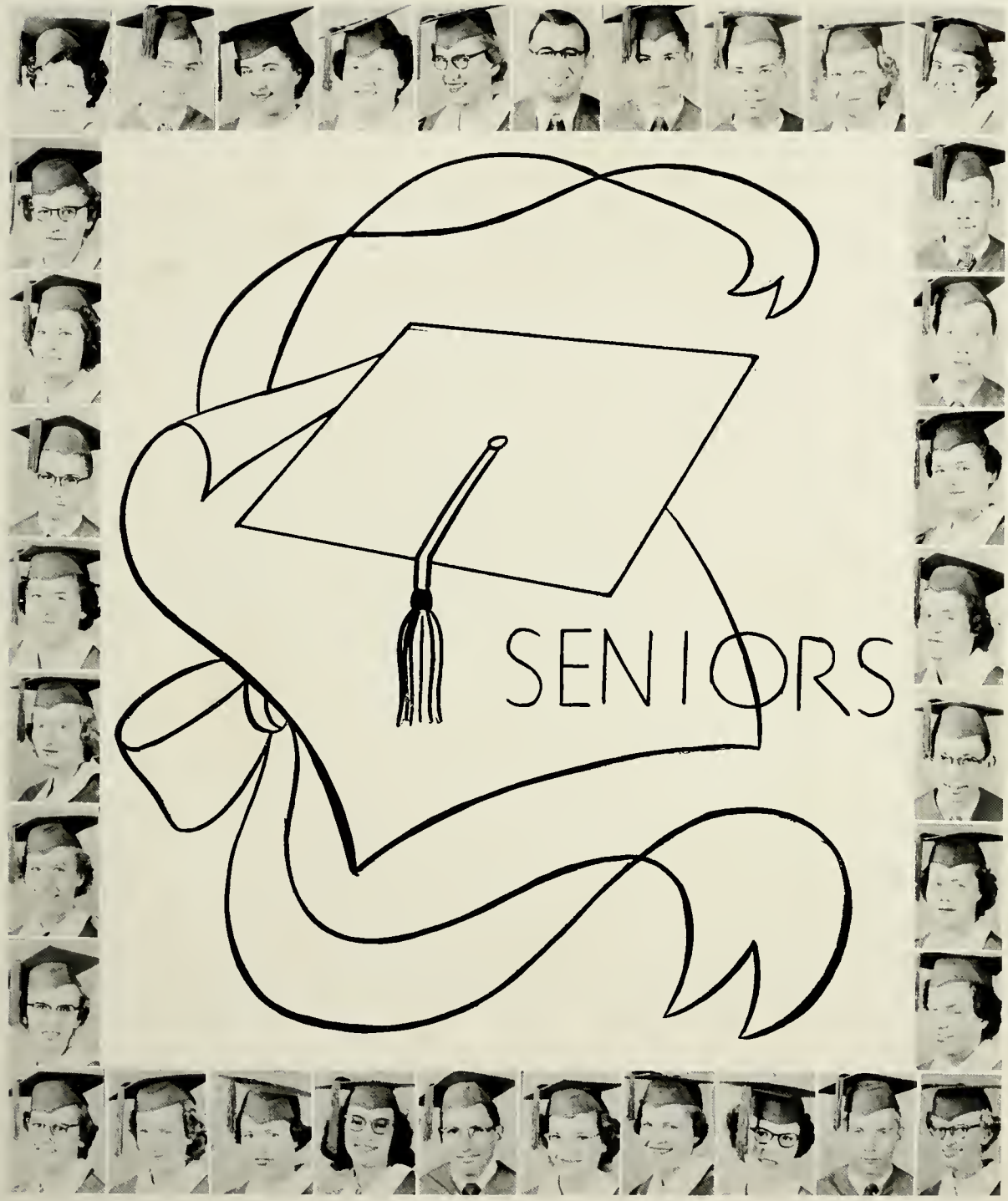
Having fun?

Tell us the joke!

One, two, ready, play.

You, too, can learn to drive.

- - - and, of course, be careful.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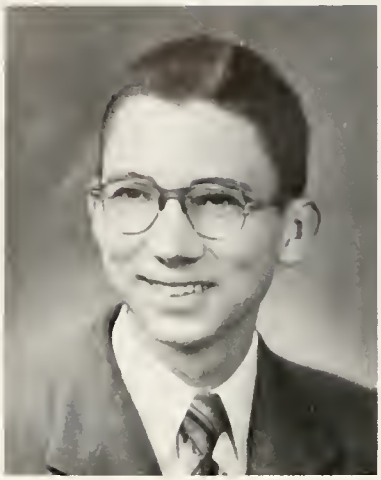
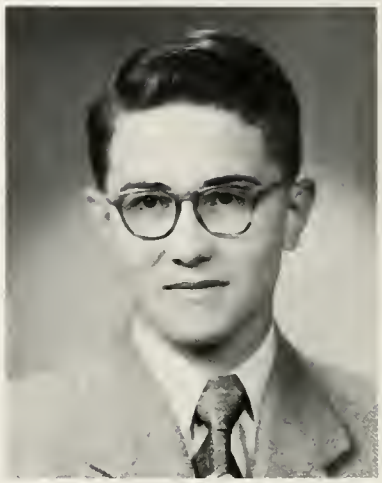


ROGER MEYER - President
Stately and tall he moves in the parade.

Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4; Boys' Glee 1,3; Drum Major 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 1,2,3, 4; Student Director 2,3,4; District Scholarship Test 1; Class Officer 3,4; County Band 1,2,3; All-Ohio Boys' Band 3; Band Officer 4; Toastmaster of Jr. Sr. Banquet 3; Assistant & High School Night Manager 3,4; Assistant Baseball & Basketball Mgr. 2; Class Play 3,4; State Solo & Ensemble Contest 1,2,3; Twirling Contest 1,2,3.



THOMAS GRAYSON - Vice President
The kindest man, the best-conditioned and unwearied spirit, in doing courtesies.

Class Officer 3,4; Buckeye Boys' State 3; Basketball 3,4; Baseball 3,4; Boys' Glee 3; Band 3,4; Mixed Chorus 4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 4; County Chorus 3; County Boys' Glee 3; Class Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Attended Holgate School 1,2.

SHIRLEY ROTH - Secretary
Forward and frolic glee was there
The will to do, the soul to dare.

F.H.A. 2,3,4; F.H.A. Officer 4; Class Officer 3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4; County Band 1,2,3; County Chorus 2,3; County Glee 1,2; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; State Solo & Ensemble Contest 2,3; Brass Choir 3,4; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Class Play 3,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Band 1,2,3,4.

MARILYN DREWES - Treasurer
Who mixed reason with pleasure, and wisdom with mirth..

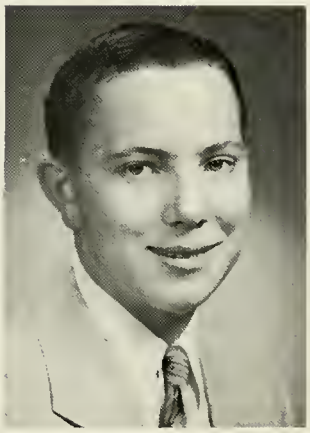
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. Officer 4; Class Officer 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,3; Mixed Chorus 1,4; County Band 2,3; County Chorus 3; County Girls' Glee 1; Pep Band 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; State Solo & Ensemble Contest 2,3; Brass Choir 3,4; Buckeye Girls' State 3; Senior Scholarship Test 4; District Scholarship Test 1,2,3; Class Play 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4.

ELAINE BADEN
A sunbeam in a winter's day.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; County Girls' Glee 1,3; Mixed Chorus 4.

LUCILLE BEHRMANN
God's rarest blessing is, after all, a good woman.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 2; County Band 2,3; Solo & Ensemble Contest 2,3,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2.



MARVIN BEHNFELDT
I dare do all that may become a man;
Who dares do more is none.

F.F.A. 1,2,3; F.F.A. Officer 3; Class Officer 1; Annual Staff 4; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Ag. Scholarship Test 4; Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Class Play 3,4.

MILDRED BRANDT
The gentle mind by gentle deeds is known.

Girls' Glee 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; County Band 2,3; Pep Band 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2; Senior Scholarship Test 4.

IRMGARD BADENHOP
She is pretty to walk with,
And witty to talk with,
And pleasant, too, to think on.

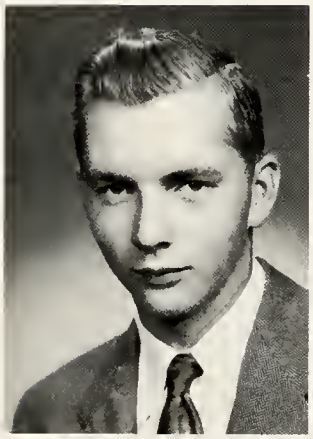
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 2,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Vocal Solo-Ladies Aid Play 2; Band 3; County Chorus 3; County Girls' Glee 1,2; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Class Play 3,4.

NORMA DEHNBOSTEL
The mirror of all courtesy.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Band 2,3,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Class Play 3,4.

LYDIA GERKEN
There's nothing ill can dwell in such a temple.

Girls' Glee 1,2; Mixed Chorus 4; Class Officer 2; District Scholarship Test 1,2, 3; Senior Scholarship Test 4.



HENRY BUCHHOP
A good heart is better than all the heads in the world.

F.F.A. 1,2; F.F.A. Officer 2; Class Officer 1; Ag. Scholarship Test 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Play 4.

MARLENE GERKEN
Exceeding wise, fair-spoken, and persuading.

F.H.A. 2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Band 2,3,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Senior Scholarship Test 4; County Girls' Glee 3; Class Officer 1,2.

LOIS GERKEN
A soft, meek, patient, humble, tranquil spirit.

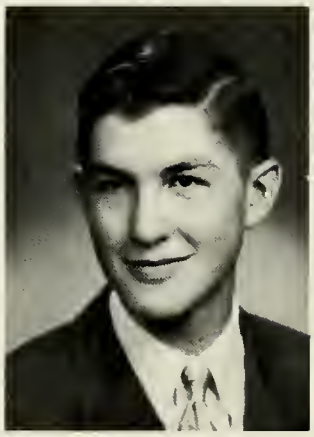
Girls' Glee 1,2.

NORMA JEAN GERKEN
Those about her, From her shall read the perfect ways of honor.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Band 3,4; Pep Band 3,4; County Band 3; County Chorus 3; Mixed Chorus 4; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Class Officer 2; Brass Choir 4; Class Play 3.

ALICE HESTERMAN
Soft peace she brings; wherever she arrives,
She opens in each heart a little heaven.

F.H.A. 3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2; Mixed Chorus 2,4.



DONALD DETTERER
I hate nobody: I am in charity with the world.

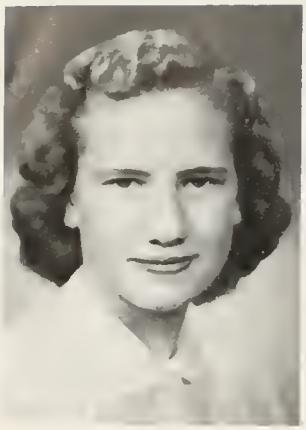
Ag. Scholarship Test 4; Class Play 4.

DORIS KRUSE
She was wont to speak plain and to the purpose.

F.H.A. 3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 2,4; County Girls' Glee 2; County Chorus 3; County Band 3; Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 2,3; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Class Play 3,4; Vocal Solo-Ladies' Aid Play 2.

DARLENE HELMKE
Wise to resolve, and patient to perform.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2; Mixed Chorus 2,4; County Band 1,2,3; Band 1, 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; District Scholarship Test 2,3; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Class Play 3,4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 3,4.



RUTH MILLER

She that was ever fair and never proud
Had tongue at will, and yet was never loud.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 4; County Glee 3; Class Officer 2; Senior Scholarship Test 4.

ARLENE RABE

Good nature is one of the richest fruits of Christianity.

Girls' Glee 1.

PAUL HAHN

A man that hath a mint of phrases in his brain.

Basketball 1,2; District Scholarship Test 3; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Class Play 4.

MARGARET RAUCH

The hearing ear is always found close to the speaking tongue.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2; Student Council 3,4; County Girls' Glee 2; District Scholarship Test 2; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Class Play 3,4.

MARIAN NAGEL

Her face is like the milky way in the sky, A meeting of gentle lights without a name.

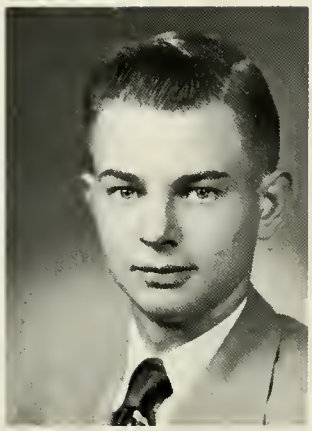
Girls' Glee 1,2,3; F.H.A. 2,3,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; County Girls' Glee 3; Band 3.

MARIE RICKENBERG
The hand that hath made you fair hath made you good.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Mixed Chorus 4; County Girls' Glee 3; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 4; Class Officer 3; Class Officer 2; Class Play 3, 4.

BERNICE SCHNITKEY
The only reward of virtue is virtue; the only way to have a friend is to be one.

F.H.A. 1,2,3; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Band 1, 2,3,4; Pep Band 2,4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 2,3,4; State Solo & Ensemble Contest 3; County Band 1,2,3; Senior Scholarship Test 4.



RONALD HESTERMAN
He is gentle, he is kind.

Basketball 1; Baseball 1; F.F.A. 1,2; Student Council 1; Ag. Scholarship Test 4; Class Play 3,4.

LOIS VON DEYLEN
A kind and gentle heart she had
To comfort friends and foes.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; County Girls' Glee 3; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Senior Scholarship Test 4; School Treasurer 3, 4; Class Play 3,4.

MARILYN ROSEBROCK
A smile is the whisper of a laugh.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; County Girls' Glee 3.

MILDRED WACHTMANN
Cheerfulness is the offshoot of goodness.

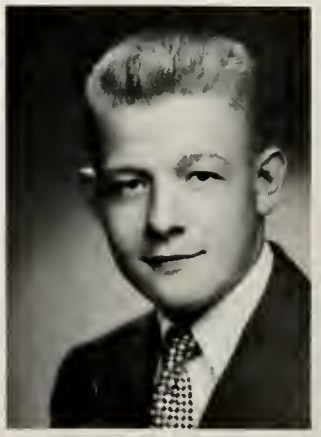
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2; Mixed Chorus 4; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Class Play 4.

MARCIA WIEMKEN
The endearing elegance of female friendship.

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 4; County Girls' Glee 3.

DONALD OTTE
He makes sweet music.

Band 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; County Band 1,2,3; County Chorus 1,2,3; County Boys' Glee 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3; Boys' Glee 1,3; German Band 1,2; Class Play 3,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Annual Staff 4; Solo & Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; State Solo & Ensemble Contest 1,3; Movie Projector Operator 1,2,3,4; Brass Choir 3,4.



RICHARD RANZAU
O, what may man within him hide,
Though angel on the outward side!

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 2,3,4; Boys' Glee 1,2; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4; All County Band 3; County Chorus 3; County Glee 3; Class Play 3,4; Hi Stepa Staff 2; Annual Staff 4.

CLASS WILL

I, Elaine Baden, do hereby will and bequeath my braces on my teeth to Suzanne Hesterman. May she spend as much money on them as I have.

I, Irmgard Badenhop, do hereby will and bequeath my dimples to Betty Nagel. May they help pull the dimple she has under her left eye down into her cheeks.

I, Marvin Behnfeldt, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to crack jokes in American Literature class to David Toles. May he in the future, keep the class in an uproar as I have in the past.

I, Lucille Behrmann, do hereby will and bequeath my height to Esther Plassman. May she see as much as I have.

I, Mildred Brandt, do hereby will and bequeath my so-called ability to play the tympani to Pat Ide. May she be more successful in breaking a tympani head while playing than I have.

I, Henry Buchhop, do hereby will and bequeath my athletic ability to Kenneth Drittler. May he enjoy playing in as many ball games as I have.

I, Norma Dehnbostel, do hereby will and bequeath my so-called ability to play drums to Doretta Wiemken. May she learn to play flams and paradiddles quicker than I ever did.

I, Donald Detterer, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to get heck from the teachers to Roger Ide. May he get in trouble as often as I have.

I, Marilyn Drewes, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to get good grades to the boys who need it to stay eligible for basketball. May they not have to work any harder for them than I have.

I, Lois Gerken, do hereby will and bequeath my job of checking in the cafeteria to Janice Graber. May her records be more accurate than mine.

I, Lydia Gerken, do hereby will and bequeath my job of working behind the candy counter to Carolyn Behrmann. May she enjoy it as much as I have.

I, Marlene Gerken, do hereby will and bequeath my love of literature to Kenneth Drittler. May he gain as many worthwhile pleasures from it as I have.

I, Norma Jean Gerken, do hereby will and bequeath my knitting ability to Marcia Ranzau. May she make herself a pair of mittens that are straight.

I, Thomas Grayson, do hereby will and bequeath my height to Mr. Hansen. May he look up to as many people as I have.

I, Paul Hahn, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to sleep in study hall to Marvin Nagel. May he catch up on as much sleep as I have.

I, Darlene Helmke, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to get behind in typing to Mary Ellen H. May she have to stay after school as often as I have.

I, Alice Hesterman, do hereby will and bequeath my freckles to Roger Miller. May they add to the collection which he already has.

I, Ronald Hesterman, do hereby will and bequeath my willingness to go to school to Marvin Biederstedt. May he learn as much as I did.

I, Doris Kruse, do hereby will and bequeath my talking to Miriam Gerken. May she be told to be quiet and get into as much trouble as I did.

I, Roger Meyer, do hereby will and bequeath my musical ability to get superior ratings in the state contests to anyone who wishes to do so. May they get as much of a thrill out of it as I have.

I, Ruth Miller, do hereby will and bequeath my small hand-writing to Mary Lou Heuer. May the teacher not complain about her writing as often as they have about mine.

I, Marian Nagel, do hereby will and bequeath my rosy cheeks to Lynn Steensen. May they add to her beauty.

I, Donald Otte, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to play the baritone to Ronald Cordes. May he make as much noise as I have.

I, Arlene Rabe, do hereby will and bequeath my job in the cafeteria of cleaning the mess of broken milk bottles to Pat Ide. May she like the job as well as I did.

I, Richard Ranzau, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to play basketball to David Schnitkey. May he enjoy it as much as I have.

I, Margaret Rauch, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to get along with Mr. Hansen to Ronald Meyer. May he spend as many happy hours in the commercial room as I have.

I, Marie Rickenberg, do hereby will and bequeath my small hands and feet to Vernon Bischoff. May he save more time polishing shoes than I have.

I, Marilyn Rosebrock, do hereby will and bequeath my perfect attendance to Bill Heldberg. May he have as hard a time to get up every morning as I did.

I, Shirley Roth, do hereby will and bequeath my love of music and reading anything that's available, to anyone who can appreciate this valuable gift.

I, Bernice Schnitkey, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to run off stencils to Lou Ann Helberg. May she get her face and clothes black as often as I have.

I, Lois Von Deylen, do hereby will and bequeath my job of school treasurer for the past two years to Lou Ann Helberg. May she have as many head-aches about it as I have had.

I, Mildred Wachtmann, do hereby will and bequeath my laugh to anyone that wants it. May they laugh as much as I have.

I, Marcia Wiemken, do hereby will and bequeath my enjoyment of sports to Ann Otte. May she enjoy it as much as I have.

We, the Class of 1953, do hereby will and bequeath our talents in scholarship, music, and athletics to all the underclassmen. May they profit as much from their experience as we have.

CLASS HISTORY

This was it! We the frosh of "49" were now in High School. This year we made new friends with the Freshmen from Freedom School who joined our class. There were 17 bright and shining faces who were maybe a little more awed than we were. Our class roll read as thirty-six. During our first class meeting we elected as our officers: president - Marilyn Drewes, vice-president - Henry Buchhop, secretary - Marvin Behnfeldt, treasurer - Marlene Gerken. As traditional, we were duly initiated. We dressed up during the day and later that evening had a grand party. We, in turn, gave the Sophomores a party. We didn't make any money that year outside of High School Night, a small sum. After all, graduation and a class trip were quite a long way off.

We returned the following year with thirty-six members. Only four of them, to our disappointment, decided not to stay in school. This year we made more money as we had concessions at basketball games. Roger Meyer was business manager of the concessions. We also had a show here at school entitled "Five Movies." This year we also published the "Hi Stepa," with Shirley Roth and Margaret Rauch as editor and assistant editor. Ruth Miller held the office of president, and Marilyn Drewes was vice-president. Our secretary was Marie Rickenberg, and treasurer was Lydia Gerken. We ironed out all our grievances of the past year by initiating the Frosh. We gave them a party in the evening, and they gave us one in return later in the year.

In our Junior year, a new member, Tom Grayson, made our class roll thirty-three. We made him a bona fide member by electing him treasurer. President and vice-president respectively were Roger Meyer and Marilyn Drewes, and secretary was Shirley Roth. We began to make money in earnest. Our Junior play, "Strictly

Formal," was given in the fall. It was a huge success, and we had lots of fun giving it. We owe our success to Miss Max, our class advisor and play director. Roger Meyer was elected assistant manager of High School Night. We had bake sales and sold "Gobbies," little hats, which added to our fund. "Stardust" was the theme for the formal banquet, which we gave the Seniors.

This is it! We, the Seniors of '53, are sorry, speaking for most of us, to be leaving our old Alma Mater; however, we will have class reunions. We started out this year with Roger Meyer as president, Tom Grayson as vice-president, Shirley Roth as secretary, and Marilyn Drewes as treasurer. We made as much money as we could for our Senior trip. The Peoples State Bank of Archbold sponsored a wonderful trip to Cleveland via chartered bus. We visited the Federal Reserve Bank, the Terminal Tower, and got to sit in a big airplane out by the airport. The trip was really enjoyed by all. Roger Meyer was manager of High School Night, and the Seniors won the contest for selling the most tickets. Our play, "This Night, Beware," was given in the spring. The Juniors gave us a wonderful formal banquet. Our Baccalaureate service was held on May 10 at Rev. Hueter's church, and commencement was on May 13. On May 17, we boarded a train for Washington D.C. and New York City. This was the last time for our class to be together.

We want to thank our advisor Supt. Hesterman for his counsel and advice. We Seniors appreciate the many opportunities school has given us. How often we failed to show our appreciation to our teachers! It is with regret, and yet with great anticipation and enthusiasm that the Class of '53 bids farewell to R. H. S.

CLASS PROPHECY

I arrived in Ridge Station for our class reunion and started right away for the M. G. Hotel, owned and operated by Marlene Gerken. Just as I was ready to hail a cab, who should I see but Elaine Baden? We chatted for awhile, and then she asked me to stay the night with her. Gratefully, I accepted. Elaine is a designer of home furnishings, and her home looked it.

Later in the evening, I decided to go back up-town. Taking a cab, I soon arrived in the heart of the business district. There were billboards announcing the coming attraction of Doris Kruse, Starring in her latest opera "Krusing Down the River." I noticed an attractive window display in a hat shop, and I found out later it was owned by Marilyn Rosebrock, and Lois Gerken was the manager. The latest fashions were now out by Lois Von Deylen, clothes designer, and Margaret Rauch, fashion expert. I noticed a poster with a picture of Paul Hahn on it announcing his intention of running for State Treasurer and giving a speech this evening in the Civic Auditorium. I decided to go over and listen to Paul's speech. He had already started when I reached there, so I slipped into a seat and sat through the longest three hours of my life.

Leaving the auditorium, I met Mildred Brandt locking up the Federal Reserve Bank. We decided to lunch at one of our former class-mate's restaurant, entitled "Rabe's Rendezvous" run by Arlene Rabe.

The next morning I read the morning edition of the Ridge News edited by Norma Dehnbostel. The headlines were pertaining to General Ronald Hesterman in his latest escapade. He probably won't make our reunion. Turning to the sports page (Henry Buchhop is sports editor), I saw the Falcon's were in the top ten. I found some very helpful hints in the column "Mind Your Manners" by Ruth Miller. I noticed Norma Jean Gerken and Marian Nagel were running duplicate ads. Both of them had beauty shops right across the street from one another. There was a public auction notice announcing Donald Detterer's plan for selling his ranch. (One of his many ranches). Marilyn Drewes was running an article about application to her college in Indiana, a business school of which she is president. Also there was a picture of Tom Grayson looking very dignified in his cap and gown, announcing his new position as president of Bowling Green University. There was an article describing the recent dinner, honoring Richard Ranzau as the world's best welder.

Everyone of us was present except Mildred Wachtmann and Ronald Hesterman. Mildred, the world's best pie baker, had to give an exhibition. Our past president opened the meeting after which the mayor of Ridgeville, Donald Otte, gave the response. Alice Hesterman, his secretary, was taking notes. Then Marvin Behnfeldt told some of his experiences as world-wide news correspondent. Next, Irmgard Badenhop, physical Ed. teacher in England, also gave a speech about the schools' differences. Roger Meyer, the music director of the Ridgeville Orchestra, gave a concert. Lucille Behrmann and Bernice Schnitkey gave a duet on their French Horns. They recently signed a contract with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. I saw two of our former girls in WAC uniform -- Marie Rickenberg and Marcia Wiemken. Darlene Helmke and Lydia Gerken, two nurses, were looking us over with a practiced eye. Our reunion was so much fun, we decided to have one five years from now, when we hope everyone can be present.

As for me, Shirley Roth, I am kept busy working for the class. Our class had so much money left over we invested in stocks and bonds. Every week I send out the dividends. On the side-line, I find time for teaching school.

CLASS OF 1953

CLASS MOTTO: WE CLIMB THOUGH THE ROCKS BE RUGGED.
CLASS FLOWER: RED ROSE
CLASS COLORS: BLUE AND WHITE
CLASS ADVISER: SUPT. F. F. HESTERMAN
COMMENCEMENT DATE: MAY 13, 1953
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: DR. TENNYSON GUYER
BACCALAUREATE DATE: MAY 10, 1953
BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER: REV. GEORGE HUETER

CLASS ROLL

1. Elaine Baden
2. Irmgard Badenhop
3. Marvin Behnfeldt
4. Lucille Behrmann
5. Mildred Brandt
6. Henry Buchhop
7. Norma Dehnbostel
8. Donald Detterer
9. Marilyn Drewes
10. Lois Gerken
11. Lydia Gerken
12. Marlene Gerken
13. Norma Jean Gerken
14. Thomas Grayson
15. Paul Hahn
16. Darlene Helmke
17. Alice Hesterman
18. Ronald Hesterman
19. Doris Kruse
20. Roger Meyer
21. Ruth Miller
22. Marian Nagel
23. Donald Otte
24. Arlene Rabe
25. Richard Ranzau
26. Margaret Rauch
27. Marie Rickenberg
28. Marilyn Rosebrock
29. Shirley Roth
30. Bernice Schnitkey
31. Lois Von Deylen
32. Mildred Wachtmann
33. Marcia Wiemken

"Daddy's Little Girl And Daddy's Little Boy"

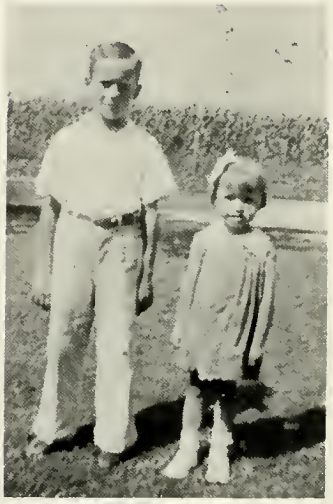
Lois Gerken

Don Otte

Lois Von Deylen

Marian & Betty Nagel

Lois Von Deylen



Melvin & Mildred Wachtmann

Norma Jean Gerken

Laura & Tommy Grayson

Margaret Rauch

"WEREN'T WE CUTE"

Roger
Meyer

Lucille
Behrmann

Marcia
Wiemken

Alice
Hesterman

Bernice
Schnitkey

Marilyn
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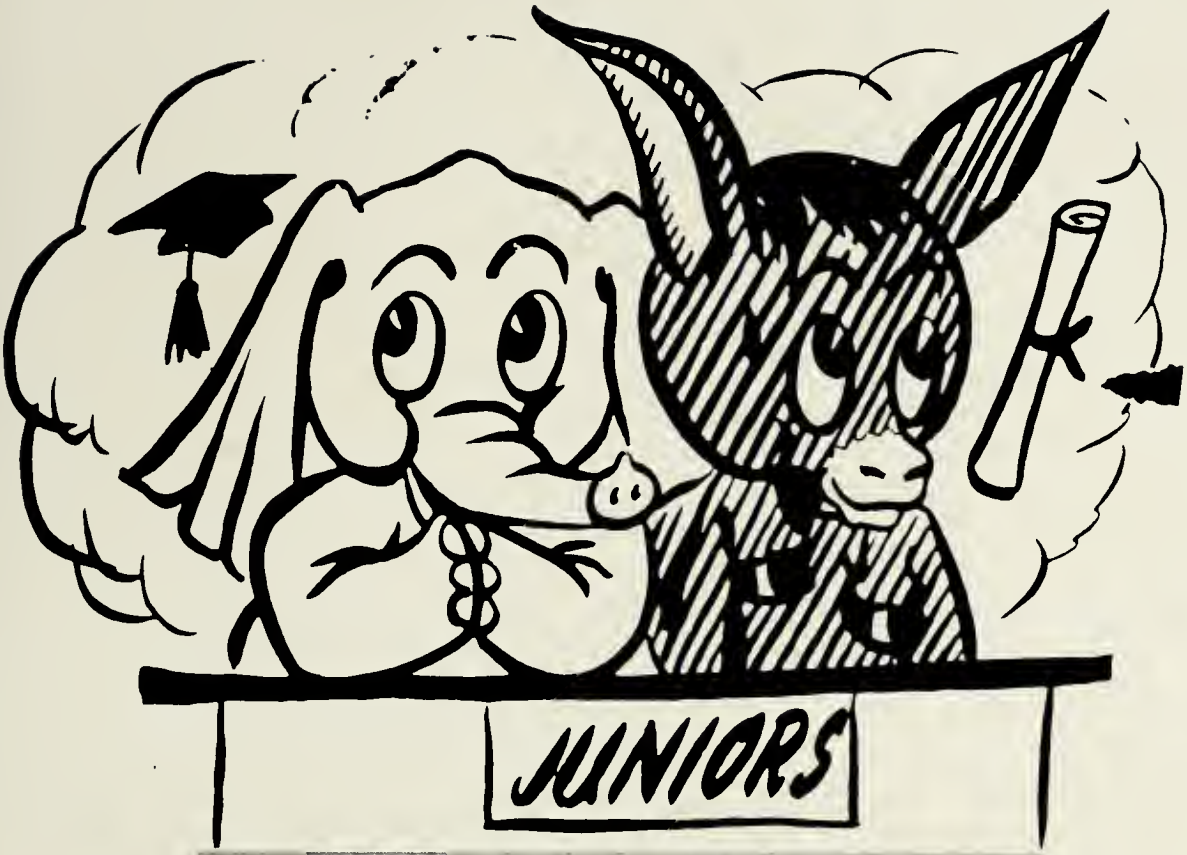

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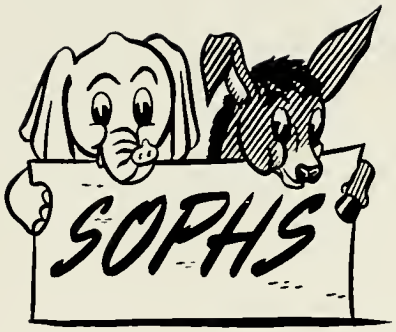
Suzanne Miller . . . . . President
Suzanne Hesterman . . . . . Treasurer
Paul Behnfeldt . . . . . Vice-President

MY DREAMS ARE GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME

TOP ROW: Miss Max, David Toles, Janice Graber, Ronald Meyer, Suzanne Hesterman, Jack Woodruff, Marjory Hesterman, Ronald Wiemken. SECOND ROW: Larry Holers, Joyce Meyer, Vernon Von Deylen, LouAnn Helberg, Paul Behnfeldt, Alice Behnfeldt. THIRD ROW: Marlene Fether, James Gericke, Suzanne Miller, Vernon Bischoff, Betty Nagel, LouAnn Vajen, Rosemary Horr, Lorna Rosebrock. BOTTOM ROW: Emelie Van Den Berghe, Carol Walter, Lois Meyer, Mary Ann Norden, Bernadine Krieger.



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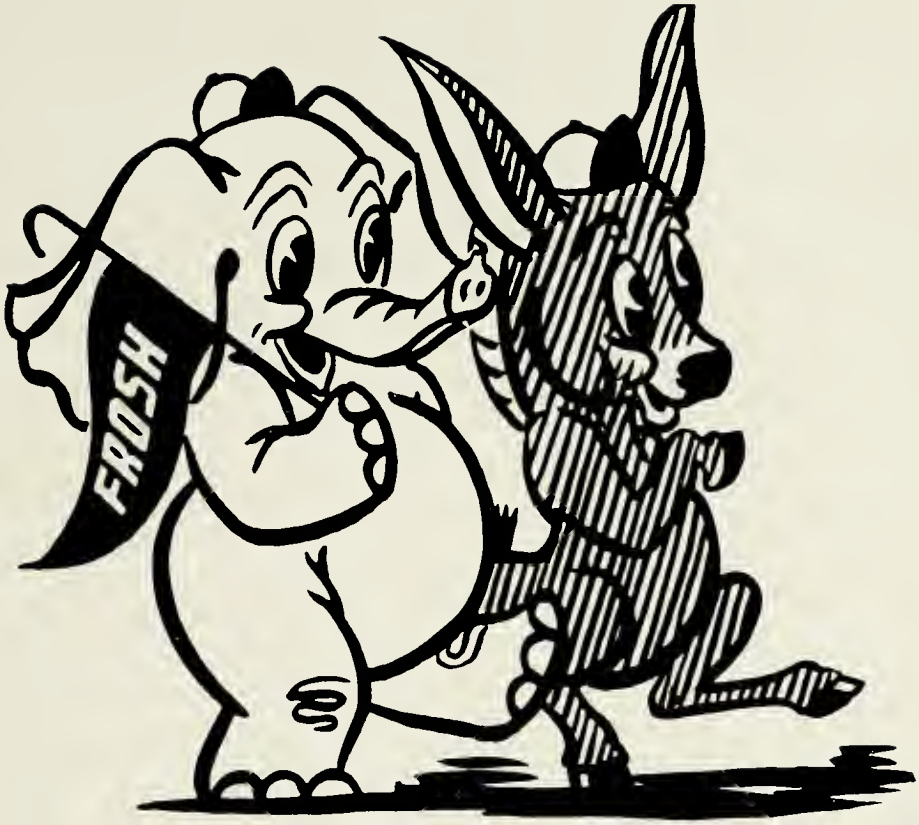
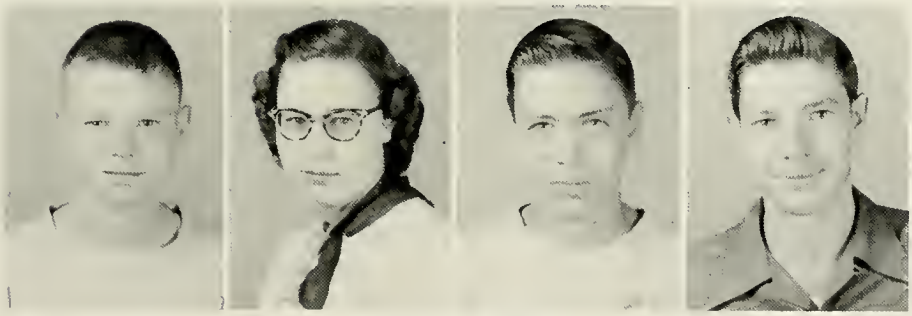
Ronald Watchmann . . . . . Vice President
Roger Ide . . . . . President

WE KNOW THE WAY

Top Row: Mr. Hesterman, Frances Hesterman, Marvin Biederstedt, Arlene Damman, Melvin Meienburg, Carolyn Behrmann, Victor Otte, Lynn Steensen, Jerry Roth. Second Row: Mary Ellen Helmke, Roger Ide, Marlene Mohrman, Janice Wiemken, Merlyn Gebers, Doretta Wiemken. Third Row: Larry Durham, Ruth Ann Schlueter, Kenneth Lee, Irma Buchhop, Norman Norden, Norma Panning, Vern Vajen, Miriam Gerken, Wilbert Bostelman. Bottom Row: Shirley Schnitkey, William Heldberg, Eugene Dehnbostel, Ronald Wachtmann, Louetta Beltz, Donald Ranzau, Christian Peterson, John Graber, Barbara Owens.





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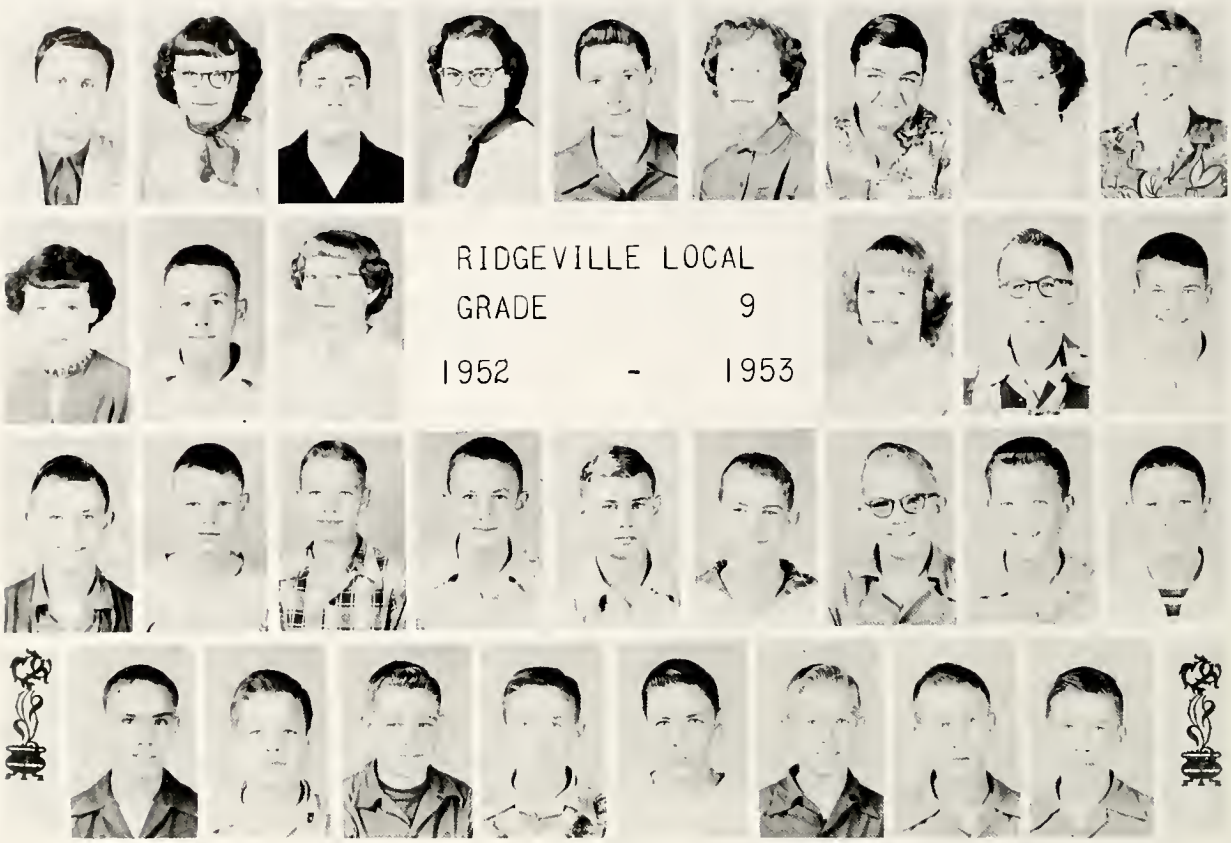
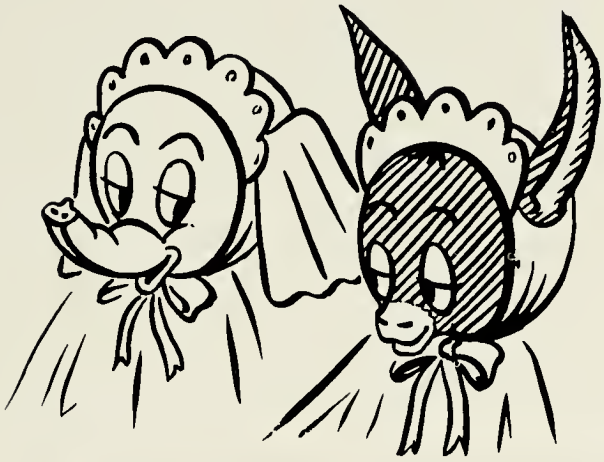
SHOW US THE WAY



TOP ROW: Mr. Fritz, Mary Ann Flint, Gene Meller, Bernadine Mohrman, Arnold Bunke, Carol Dehnbostel, Kenneth Drittler, May Luderman, Kenneth Holers. SECOND ROW: Elverna Norden, Martin Dickmander, Henrietta Rosebrock, Mary Lou Heuer, Rolland Baden, Kenneth Behrman. THIRD ROW: Marvin Norden, Roger Miller, Ferdinand Meyer, Howard Meyer, Norville Volkman, Ronald Panning, Eugene Vajen, Marvin Nagel, Edward Wesche. BOTTOM ROW: Philip Newell, Eldor Gerken, Russell Gericke, Ronald Cordes, Ronald Leininger, Roger Behnfeldt, Richard Elling, Richard Mahnke. Absent - Marvin Biederstedt.

JUNIOR HIGH



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Patricia Ide . . . . . Treasurer
Lester Gericke . . . . . President
Bonnie
McDermott . . .Vice President

CLASS OFFICERS
SEVENTH GRADE

Robert Meyer . . . . . President
Ann Otte . . . . . Secretary
Jerry Drewes . . . . . Treasurer
Orville Lohse . . . Vice President

7th AND 8th GRADES

EIGHTH GRADE
TOP ROW: Ray Mata, Lyle Sonnenberg, Lester Gericke, Larry Walter, Carl Eggers, Eugene Detterer, James Nagel, Patricia Ide, Marcia Ranzau, Deloris Graber. MIDDLE ROW: Thomas Myers, Philip Rupp, Robert Roth, Lillian Helberg, Jeanette Tilse, Norman Watchmann, Don Graber, Jacquelyn Holers, Ruth Crossgrove. BOTTOM ROW: Larry Nissen, Bonnie McDermott, Joan Bremer, Barbara Hesterman, Donna Hahn, Leona Beltz, Helen Leininger, Esther Plassman, Mrs. Ide.

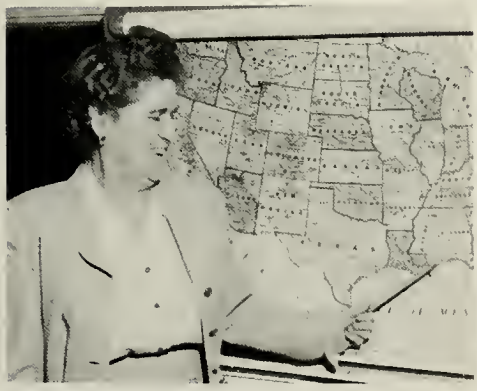
SEVENTH GRADE
TOP ROW: Donna Wendt, Ruth Ann Lee, Boyd Steffens, Robert Meyer, Russel Leininger, David Schnitkey, Mr. Clark. MIDDLE ROW: Mary Schroeder, Arlene Dehnbostel, Margaret Ranzau, Marilyn Leininger, Sharon Mull, Donna Schnitkey, Patricia Owens, Victor Kruse. BOTTOM ROW: Virgil Kulp, Dale Norden, Robert Frey, Jerry Drewes, Marie Nagel, Ann Otte, Orville Lohse, Ronald Bruns.

ELEMENTS

Mrs. Clark
First Grade

Mrs. Detterer
Fourth Grade

Miss Miller
Fifth Grade



Mrs. Partee
Sixth Grade

Mrs. Detterer
Second Grade

Miss Clymer
Third Grade

7th AND 6th GRADES

SIXTH GRADE

BACK ROW: Kenneth Nagel, Mary Gerken, Patricia Gerken, Barbara Norden, Kenneth Graber, Leroy Meyer, Paul Schweinhagen, Leslie Roth, Daniel Norden. MIDDLE ROW: Lowell Kulp, Roger Beck, Marilyn Dehnbostel, Douglas Reiser, Ronald Crossgrove, Raymond Drewes, John McDermott, Douglas Rychener, Jane Newell, Charlene Hahn. FRONT ROW: Constance Horr, Joann Leininger, Gayle Steensen, Virginia Wendt, Harold Ludeman, Victor Drittler, Austin Lecklider, LeRoy Helberg, Ronald Frey, Shirley Lohse.

FIFTH GRADE

BACK ROW: Wayne Aschemeier, Janice Sonnenberg, Eileen Meyer, Judy Detterer, Martin Ludemann, Ronald Hoffman, Sharon Short, Marlene Kulp, Gerald Short. MIDDLE ROW: Douglas Meyer, Charlene Graber, Carolyn Buchhop, Delmar Tilse, Steve Short, Lois Fedderke, Mary Bruns, Cherri McDermott, Dexter Benecke. FRONT ROW: Richard Beck, Bruce Claire, Larry Hesterman, Thelma Beltz, Virginia Meller, Emma Norden, Tommy Eggers, Roger Frey, John Jimenez. Absent: Lawrence Dickmander, William Ludemann.

3rd AND 4th GRADES

FOURTH GRADE
BACK ROW: Eugene Wendt, Wayne Steffens, Sharon Jenkins, Betty Wendt, Lonnie Engler, Larry Steffens, Wayne Kruse, Kenneth Drewes. MIDDLE ROW: Carolyn Gerken, Norma Jean Baden, Glenna Rupp, Elaine Drittler, Loretta Blair, Donna Leininger, Diane Nagel. FRONT ROW: Dianne Beck, Lauren Rickenberg, Robert Seibold, Brad Steensen, Anne Lecklider, Judith Sunderman, Linda Lohse, Mary Judith Beck.

THIRD GRADE
BACK ROW: Dennis Aschemeier, Roger Crossgrove. MIDDLE ROW: Robert Tilse, Theo Heuer, Robert Sunderman, Keith Rychener, Gerald Short, Carol Fedderke, Phyllis Myers, John Clymer, Linda Bannister. FRONT ROW: Ruth Ann Gerken, Patricia Hoffman, Carol Frey, Larry Ripke, Janice Short, Mary Jane Lohse, Phyllis Ludemann, Mary Lupe Jimenez.

1st AND 2nd GRADES

SECOND GRADE
BACK ROW: Tommy Miller, Eldon Schweinhagen, David Graber, Diann Toney, Carol Steffens, Karen Helberg, Leon Gebers, Vicky Blair, Wayne Short. FRONT ROW: Eldon Buchhop, Eldor Gerken, James Kauffman, Peter Rodriguez, Norbert Sonnenberg, Richard Ludemann, Yolanda Rodriguez, Joseph McDermott. Absent: Robert Owens.

FIRST GRADE
BACK ROW: Diane Hoffman, Billy Short, Jane Kruse, Marian Schorling, Kenneth Nagel, Gene Gericke, Norbert Rickenberg, LaVerne Sonnenberg, Mary Ann Rickenberg. MIDDLE ROW: Nancy Nelson, Patricia Bannister, Michael Mohring, Connie Beck, Karyn Steensen, Claudia Voigt, Gary Short, Lynn Genter. FRONT ROW: Mary Frey, Carol Leininger, Ronald Willeman, Marvin Short, Neal Benecke, Ila Rose Sonnenberg, Carolyn Arps, Judy Mull.

ATHLETICS

THEY CHEER THE TEAM TO VICTORY

SENIOR HIGH
Bernadine Krieger, Marjory Hesterman, Suzanne Hesterman.

JUNIOR HIGH
Barbara Hesterman, Patricia Ide, Donna Hahn.

VARSITY

STANDING: Henry Buchhop, Richard Ranzau, James Gericke, Donald Otte, Victor Otte. KNEELING: Tom Grayson, Donald Ranzau, Marvin Norden, David Toles, Christian Peterson. Absent: Larry Holers.

Coach Fritz

SCORES

RHS		OPP	RHS		OPP
38	Jewell	25	50	Hamler	61
54	Holgate	62	54	Ayersville	42
69	McClure	56	45	Jewell	39
68	Florida	50	63	Pettisville	52
52	Malinta	51	63	Florida	58
39	Archbold	59	69	Malinta	63
41	Deshler	69	48	Hamler	68
59	Pettisville	34			

RESERVES

STANDING: Coach Fritz, Norman Norden, Larry Holers, Jack Woodruff, Vernon Bischoff, James Gericke, Merlyn Gebers, Marvin Norden, David Toles. KNEELING: Kenneth Behrmann, Gene Meller, Roger Miller, Edward Wesche, Marvin Biederstedt, William Heldberg, Jerry Roth, Philip Newell, Christian Peterson.

SCORES

RHS		OPP	RHS		OPP
29	Jewell	34	39	Hamler	36
37	Holgate	30	22	Ayersville	33
36	McClure	44	45	Jewell	26
31	Florida	35	48	Pettisville	21
35	Malinta	51	46	Florida	38
31	Archbold	61	38	Malinta	42
39	Deshler	40	38	Hamler	48
47	Pettisville	23			

JR. HIGH

STANDING: Robert Meyer, Lester Gericke, Larry Walter, Coach Hesterman, Eugene Detterer, James Nagel, Thomas Myers. KNEELING: David Schnitkey, Larry Nissen, Robert Roth, Philip Rupp, Dale Norden, Ronald Bruns.

SCORES

RHS		OPP	RHS		OPP
25	Jewell	32	38	Hamler	30
39	West Hope	24	13	Jewell	15
13	Florida	17	33	Florida	46
22	Deshler	39	29	Hamler	25

OFFICIAL
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Action Shots of the
Deshler Game
December 12, 1952

BASEBALL

BACK ROW: Larry Holers, Jack Woodruff, James Gericke. MIDDLE ROW: Marvin Norden, Ronald Wiemken, Norman Norden, Vernon Bischoff, Richard Ranzau, Donald Otte, Henry Buchhop, Victor Otte, Donald Ranzau. FRONT ROW: Philip Newell, Kenneth Behrmann, William Heldberg, Tom Grayson, Roger Miller, Edward Wesche, Merlyn Gebers, Christian Peterson.

SCORES

RHS		OPP	RHS		OPP
7	McClure	3	11	Florida	8
1	Holgate	4	4	Malinta	10
2	Deshler	10	11	Jewell	7

ACTIVITIES

BAND

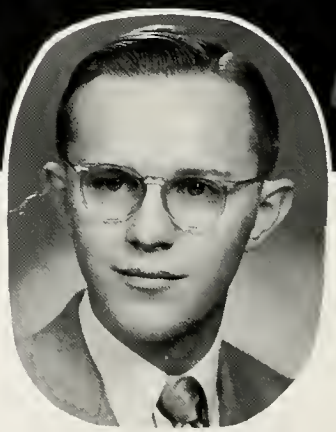
HIGH STEPPERS

Standing: Patricia Ide, Alice Behnfeldt, Roger Meyer, Marlene Fether, Barbara Hesterman; Kneeling: Howard Meyer, Shirley Schnitkey.

BRASS CHOIR

Left to Right: Marilyn Drewes, Paul Behnfeldt, Shirley Roth, Norma Jean Gerken, David Toles, Jerry Roth, Donald Otte.

MIXED CHORUS



Mr. Walker
Director

Back Row: Richard Ranzau, Roger Meyer, James Gericke. Fourth Row: Jerry Roth, Larry Holers, John Graber, Vernon Bischoff, Donald Otte, Jack Woodruff, Ronald Wiemken, Roger Ide, Ronald Meyer, Vernon Von Deylen, David Toles, Tom Grayson, Lynn Steensen, Doris Kruse, Norma Jean Gerken. Third Row: Alice Hesterman, Darlene Helmke, Irmgard Badenhop, Elverna Norden, Suzanne Hesterman, Marcia Wiemken, Marjory Hesterman, Mary Lou Heuer, Arlene Damman, Doretta Wiemken, Lou Ann Vajen, Ruth Miller, Shirley Roth. Second Row: Marilyn Drewes, Joyce Meyer, Janice Wiemken, Ruth Ann Schlueter, Lorna Rosebrock, Emelie Van Den Berghe, Alice Behnfeldt, Elaine Baden, Bernadine Krieger, Rosemary Horr, Lydia Gerken, Betty Nagel, Mildred Wachtmann. First Row: Suzanne Miller, Barbara Owens, Shirley Schnitkey, Norma Panning, Marlene Mohrman, Marie Rickenberg, Carol Dehnbostel, Irma Buchhop, Miriam Gerken, Carol Walter, Marlene Fether, Lois Meyer, Bernadine Mohrman.

STUDENT COUNCIL AND BOY SCOUTS

Lillian Helberg, Russell Gericke, Frances Hesterman, Marie Rickenberg, Mr. Hesterman, Margaret Rauch, Suzanne Miller, Eugene Dehnbostel, Ronald Bruns

Back Row: Mr. Hesterman, Robert Meyer, Lester Gericke, Howard Meyer, Phillip Newell, Larry Walter, Mr. Clark. Middle Row: Larry Nissen, Eugene Vajen, Russell Gericke, Ferdinand Meyer, Thomas Myers, David Schnitkey. Front Row: Roger Miller, Victor Otte, Kenneth Behrmann

ANNUAL AND HI STEPA STAFFS

Standing: Donald Otte, Richard Ranzau, Marvin Behnfeldt, Tom Grayson, Marie Rickenberg. Seated: Mr. Hesterman, Roger Meyer, Marilyn Drewes, Shirley Roth.

Standing: Norma Panning, Frances Hesterman, Ruth Ann Schlueter, Janice Wiemken, Doretta Wiemken, Arlene Damman, Victor Otte, Donald Ranzau. Seated: Carolyn Behrmann, Roger Ide, Miss Max, Lynn Steensen, Mr. Hansen.

F. H. A.

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ROYAL COURT OF HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Marcia Wiemken, Shirley Roth, Thomas Grayson, Richard Ranzau

HIGH SCHOOL ATTRACTIONS

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

JANITOR
Walter Von Deylen

COOKS
Mrs. Emma Krieger, Mrs. Bertha Schroeder, Mrs. Sophia Mohring.

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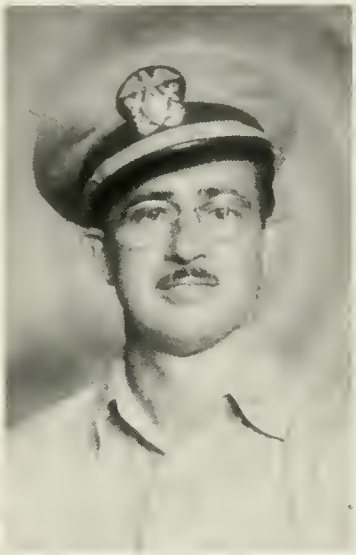
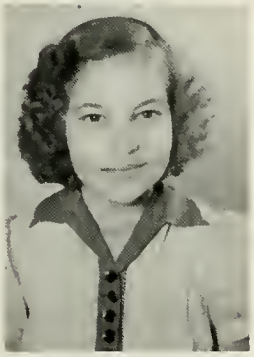
"The Good Old Days"



Mr. Hesterman
"I'm In The Navy Now"

Margaret & Shirley
"So Much In Love"



Lydia Gerken

"It Was A Cold Day"

Arlene Rabe

Henry Buchhop

"Little Pilgrims"

Ruth Miller

Marilyn and
Kathryn

Joan and
Marie

Alice and
Frances

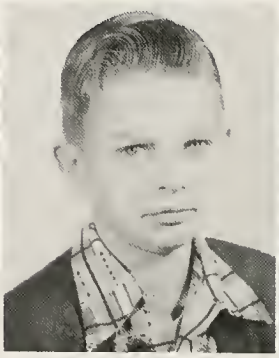
Ruth
"The Serious Type"

Margaret and Doris
"Champions"

Comfortable,
Darlene?

Marilyn
Rosebrock

Elaine
Baden



Ronald
Hesterman

Mildred
Wachtmann

Doris
Kruse

Behind the Scenes of Our Junior Play

Elaine and Marcia
"It Must Be Love"

Marie, "Hold
That Pose!"

"What's Funny, Doris?"

"Now This Is
A Basketball"

The Jr. Sr. Banquet

Mr. Ward
"See The Birdie."

"Tell Us The Joke,
"Elaine"

"Oh, Shirley,
It Won't Bite"

"How Thrilling"

Norma
Dehnbostel

Richard
Ranzau

Norma Jean
Gerken

Mildred
Brandt

Marlene
Gerken

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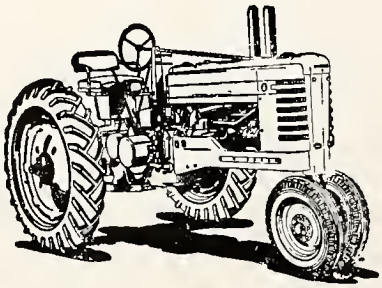

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